

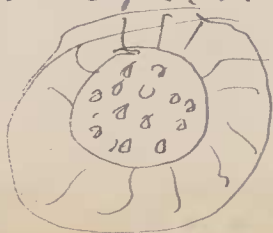
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My dear Mr. Watson

I have not found any
great number of botanical
incoquina up here, but I have two
things to communicate.

One is the centrifugal manner
of growth of *Mertensia maritima*,
under favorable circumstances.

A seedling starts in the sand,
and at once begins to "spread
itself" till at last it forms two
concentric circles, the inner
a mass of large leaves 3-5
inches long one or two feet in
diameter, the outer made up of
fine flowering branches with
smaller leaf-like leaves, thirly,
and 5 or 6 ft. in diameter,



The other is a *Nabalus* which I
can't locate, from Northeastern
Maine, the leaves as glaucous as
Mertensia, green above and pale
beneath; radical, ovate oblanceolate,
on long margined petioles; cauline,
ovate, partly clasping: plant smooth
1°-2°, with a stipe simple and
strict when I saw it, though
perhaps expanding later, nodding
with histly-hairy involucres,
and cinnamon-colored flowers.

You needn't bother to
answer this as I shall try to
call and see you, and bring
the *Nabalus* along.

We stay here a fortnight
longer and then gradually
walk back to Washington.

Yours truly
J. W. Fickering.